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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b) TO REVIVE
AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

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Sir:

This petition is being filed to revive the above-identified application in response to the
Notice of Abandonment mailed on September 7, 2004.

Accompanying this petition are:

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1. A corrected Amendment in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated January 30, 2004;
2. The petition fee of \$1,330 as set forth in 1.17(m); and
3. A statement (contained in this Petition) that the entire delay was unintentional.

STATEMENT

This application became abandoned on July 31, 2004 for failure to respond to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on September 7, 2004.

Petitioners state that the entire delay in filing the accompanying corrected Amendment was caused by an inadvertent error in the serial number provided on the original Amendment, timely filed on April 26, 2004, in response to the January 30th Office Action. Applicants received a return postcard date stamped April 28, 2004, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, verifying receipt of the original Amendment. Accordingly, Applicants believed a proper response was timely filed to the outstanding Office Action. Unfortunately, the Amendment, the accompanying fee transmittal form, and the return postcard each referenced incorrect application serial no. 09/899,023; rather than the correct serial no. 09/889,023. (A copy of each is enclosed) Applicants were not aware of this serial number error until receipt of the Notice of Abandonment on September 7, 2004. Applicants believe these facts resulted in an unintentional abandonment of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the accompanying corrected Amendment be entered and examined, and that this application be reinstated due to the above circumstances.

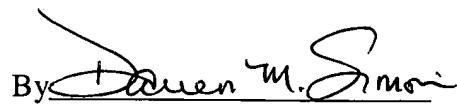
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